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SUBJ: HORN OF AFRICA CONFLICT: VISIT TO UAE OF SOMALI MINISTER
OF INFORMATION

1. SOMALI INFORMATION MINISTER ABDUL QASSIM SALAD HASSAN
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VISITED ABU DHABI FEB 23-25 BEARING MESSAGE FROM SIAD BARRE TO
UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID. HASSAN TOLD EMIRATES NEWS AGENCY
THAT SOMALI MESSAGE DEALT WITH LATEST POLITICAL AND MILITARY
DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN AND SOMALIA'S QUEST FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
OF THE CONFLICT ONCE "ARAB" PEOPLE IN WESTERN SOMALIA ACHIEVE
THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. DURING FEB 25 PRESS CONFERENCE HERE HASSAN EXPRESSED REQUEST FOR USG TO REVISE ITS DECISION TO SUPPLY "SPARE PARTS FOR THE AMERICAN-MADE WEAPONS IN ETHIOPIA" (SIC), ADDING THAT SOMALIA "CANNOT FIND ANY EXPLANATION FOR THIS DECISION SINCE MOST U.S.-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT IN ETHIOPIAN HANDS HAS LONG SINCE BEEN CAPTURED OR DESTROYED IN OGADEN AND ERITREAN FIGHTING. MINISTER CALLED THIS DECISION BY USG "CONTRARY TO DECLARED U.S. PRINCIPLES ON HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. OTHER POINTS MADE BY HASSAN TO PRESS INCLUDED CONCESSION THAT UNSC MAY DISCUSS SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE AT REQUEST OF U.S.; ASSERTION THAT SOVIET MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ETHIOPIA HAVE TOTAL VALUE IN EXCESS OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS; SOMALIA ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE THAT PRESENT BORDERS IN REGION SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED.

4. UAE MEDIA CONTINUE DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO HORN OF AFRICA DEVELOPMENTS. SOME PRESS COMMENTARY HAS TENDED TO BE CRITICAL OF BOTH U.S. AND USSR POSITIONS IN HORN, ALLEGING THAT GREAT POWERS' INTERESTS IN DETENTE OR IN GAINING STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE ARE BEING PURSUED AT EXPENSE OF INTERESTS OF SMALL STATE IN REGION. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL UAEG STATEMENT HOWEVER IN RESPONSE TO FEB 22 U.S. DECISION TO RELEASE SMALL NUMBER OF VEHICLES FOR SHIPMENT TO ETHIOPIA.

5. TEXT OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT RE RELEASE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ETHIOPIA WAS TRANSMITTED TO UAE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN WRITING ON FEB 22. AS MINISTER HASSAN'S PRESS STATEMENTS PARA 2 ABOVE SUGGEST THERE MAY STILL BE SOME CONFUSION AMONG SOMALIS ABOUT JUST WHAT USG HAS AGREED ALLOW GO FORWARD TO ETHIOPIA, WE HAVE SENT COPY OF THIS STATEMENT ALSO TO SOMALI AMBASSADOR HERE FOR HIS INFORMATION.
DICKMAN

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